# Hunting and Trapping

# **Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-09-16

Issued at King Salmon, Alaska

September 20, 2016

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

September 21, 2016

Expiration Date: June 30, 2017

unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

#### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order reopens hunt TC505 in Game Management Units 9C and 9E for the Northern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (NAP), which closed by regulation on September 20. The season will reopen on September 21, 2016 at 12:01 AM, and close September 30, 2016. The bag limit for the extended season is 1 caribou for TC505 permit holders who have not yet harvested a caribou. Only 23 hunters have reported harvesting caribou out of 200 permittees. Residents of Ugashik and Pilot Point have expressed concern that caribou may show up for a limited time in late September but normally do not winter in the area during the late season hunt. The late season for TC505 will run as scheduled from November 1 through April 30 for Unit 9E and November 15 through February 28 for Unit 9C.

All other caribou regulations for Unit 9 caribou remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

## **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.025(3), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence
General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

**Units and Bag Limits** 

(3)

Remainder of Unit 9(C)

No open season.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 caribou by Tier II permit only; provided that the harvestable surplus, in combination with Unit 9(E), is 1,200 caribou or less, up to 1,500 permits may be issued Aug. 10—<u>Sept. 30</u> (Subsistence hunt only) Nov. 15—Feb. 28 (Subsistence hunt only)

Unit 9E

RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by Tier II permit only; provided that the harvestable surplus, in combination with Unit 9(C), is 1,200 caribou or less, up to 1,500 permits may be issued No open season

Aug. 10—<u>Sept. 30</u> (Subsistence hunt only) Nov. 1—Apr. 30 (Subsistence hunt only)

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Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dave Crowley

King Salmon Area Wildlife Biologist

## **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a limited Tier II caribou hunt on the NAP for local residents of Units 9C and 9E. As of September 20, only 23 caribou have been harvested and there is concern over lost opportunity, particularly by residents of northern Unit 9E where seasonal movements of caribou into the area have not yet occurred. This season extension could benefit local residents should caribou make a tardy arrival into traditional hunting areas before the onset of the rut.

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